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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :  
Manabu OUMI et al. :  
Serial No. 09/997,484 : Group Art Unit - 2873  
Filed: November 21, 2001 : Examiner - David N. Spector  
For: METHOD OF FABRICATING :  
OPTICAL APERTURE AND :  
METHOD OF FABRICATING :  
PROBE FOR NEAR FIELD :  
LIGHT DEVICE : Docket No. S004-4470

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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE**

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In further response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2003, applicants amend their application as follows:

**ADDITIONAL FEES:**

No additional fees are believed required in connection with this supplemental response; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

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